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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in an Office Action issued February 15, 2008, during the prosecution of Chinese Application No. 200310113012.7, which is a counterpart application to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the Office Action an English translation thereof and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

The relevance of Citation BB can found in Citation BC which is a European counterpart of Citation BB and in the English translation of the Office Action in Chinese Application No. 200310113012.7.

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